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Security Council

10:00 — 7095th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Mali

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali (S/2014/1)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) (S/2014/1)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7095th meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal informal consultations on the intergovernmental process on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system will take place *today,* 16, and *tomorrow*, 17 January 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 January 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on Friday, 17 January 2014, at 11:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on priorities for 2014.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 January 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. *Member States are encouraged to attend at the ambassadorial level.*

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 20 January 2014, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10:00 to 13:00 357th meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda (A/AC.183/2014/L.1)
2. Election of officers
3. Launch of International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
4. Draft programme of work for 2014 (A/AC.183/2014/CRP.1)
5. Accreditation of civil society organizations (working paper No. 1)
6. Other matters

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

15:00 to 18:00 1st meeting (closed) Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today,* 16 January 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB), on security of personnel and occupational safety; and use of modern technology.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold an informal consultation on the report on the implementation of audit recommendations of United Nations Board of Auditors, *today,* 16 January 2014, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1 (CB)

Other activities

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International Expert Group Meeting on "Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights: Articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Broddi Sigurðarson, DESA (e-mail sigurdarson@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2106).]

Lecture Series on Women, Peace and Security on "Women's Participation and WPS Accountability in Syria: Geneva II Peace Negotiations and Beyond" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein, in cooperation with the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination (LISD)/Princeton University and thePeaceWomen Project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information and for registration, please contact Ms. Antonia Strachwitz, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail antonia.strachwitz@nyc.llv.li).]

Panel discussion on "Psychosocial assistance in vulnerable migration, migration crises and emergencies" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Evelien Borgman, IOM (e-mail eborgman@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 236).]

Panel discussion on "Towards a Global Convergence in Global Health: What Convergence Means for Health after 2015" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway and The Lancet Commission on Investing in Health)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ingrid Magnus, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail imag@mfa.no, tel. 1 (646) 430-7562 or 1 (646) 430-7510).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 16 January 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here.*

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-eighth session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9 to 16, 18, 19 (a), (b) and (h), 21 (d), 29 to 31, 33 to 36, 38, 39, 41 to 47, 53, 63 (a) and (b), 67 (b), 70 (a) to (d), 85, 111, 112, 114 (b), 115 (a), (d) and (e), 116 (g), (h) and (i), 117 to 126, 128, 129, 131 to 135 and 137 to 165.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (rooms S-3055 and S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefings

The Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Friday, 17 January 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB): on sexual violence in conflict; and gender; and

Wednesday, 22 January 2014, at 13:15, in Conference Room 2 (CB): on helicopters.

Preparatory Committee for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first session from Monday, 24 to Wednesday, 26 February 2014, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to discuss the objectives and substantive theme of the Conference and organizational and procedural matters, including the rules of procedure, and to elect the Bureau, pursuant to resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013 (currently available in document A/68/438/Add.2).

Regional groups are invited to nominate two States each for the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to the said resolution. Nominations should be submitted, *in writing,* by each regional group to the secretariat (e-mail muturi@un.org). A letter from the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, dated on 27 December 2013, was sent to the Chairs of the regional groups.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia,* urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

First regular session 2014

The first regular session 2014 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Monday, 20 January 2014, in the Conference Room 2 (CB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2014/L.1. To consult documentation for the session, please *click here*. In addition to their requests to be inscribed on the speakers list, Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (rocio.torres@unwomen.org).

The election of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UN-Women for the year 2014 will be held during this session.

The upcoming first regular session 2014 will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hard copies, all documentation will be made available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session. A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 3 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-second session of the Commission for Social Development, Mrs. Sewa Lamsal Adhikari (Nepal), will hold an informal briefing for all interested delegations on the programme of work of the fifty-second session of the Commission, on Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Fifty-second session

The fifty-second session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Tuesday, 11, to Friday, 21 February 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2014/1. For further information on the fifty-second and previous sessions of the Commission, please click here.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Ochalik, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail ochalik@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday,7 February 2014,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all) will begin on Tuesday, 11 February 2014, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Thursday, 13 February 2014, in the morning. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2014/1.

The lists of speakers will be opened on Monday, 20 January 2014. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail ochalik@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes.*

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room.

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-second session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-second session of the Commission is accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2014 regular session

The 2014 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 30 January, and on Friday, 7 February 2014, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2014/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note-verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org (c/o Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; room S-3057)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefing

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on "Private fundraising: 2014 workplan and proposed budget" (via video link); *and* a thematic discussion on the work of UNICEF in humanitarian situations, on Friday, 17 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (4-7 February 2014) will take place on Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on the Gender Action Plan and a joint informal briefing by UNFPA and UNICEF on the evaluation on female genital mutilation.

First regular session

The 2014 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 4, to Friday, 7 February 2014, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2014/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the UNICEF website (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF, (e-mail harai@unicef.org; fax (1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 31 January 2014*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2014 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will be a PaperSmart session. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 3 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2014

The first regular session 2014 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 27 to Friday, 31 January 2014, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2014/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment please *click here*. Member States or agency representatives planning to attend the first regular session 2014 are requested to send their names to anglin@unfpa.org and copy to ferguson@unfpa.org, as soon as possible, but no later than *today*, 16 January 2014.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will be held on Monday, 3 February 2014, at 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional agenda, annotations and background documents will be available on the UNDP Executive Board website. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 17 January 2014, from 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

Monday, 27 January 2014, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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International Expert Group Meeting on "Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights: Articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 17 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Broddi Sigurðarson, DESA (e-mail sigurdarson@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2106).]

Panel discussion on "Constructing the Post-2015 Development Agenda – The rule of law as a driver of inclusive development opportunities" (co-organized by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the Rule of Law Unit, Executive office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) and the Permanent Mission of Finland)

Friday, 17 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Judit Arenas, IDLO (e-mail jarenas@idlo.int; tel. 1 (646) 561-4357).]

Special event on "Voices from Syria" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 17 January 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ingrid Magnus, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail imag@mfa.no, tel. 1 (646) 430-7562 or 1 (646) 430-7510).]

Workshop on "Genocide prevention" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide)

Monday, 20 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:30 and from 14:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B (CB); and

Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:15 and from 14:15 to 17:30, in Conference Room B (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "The Post-2015 Development Agenda – Enabling a life of dignity for all" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 20 January 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on the situation in the Gaza Strip and screening of a documentary on the impact of the 23-day Operation Cast Lead (on the occasion of the International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (A/RES/68/12)) (organized by the Working Group of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People)

Monday, 20 January 2014, from 14:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here*; or contact Ms. Ruth Valenzuela, Department of Political Affairs (e-mail valenzuela2@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8231).]

Open Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations)

Friday, 14 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1810).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
United Nations Office at Geneva

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first session from Monday, 14 to Tuesday 15, July 2014, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, to review the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference, approve the programme of work of the Conference, and propose rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference, and to elect the Bureau, pursuant to resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013 (currently available in document A/68/438/Add.3, paragraph 7). Regional groups are invited to nominate two States each for the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to the said resolution. Nominations should be submitted, *in writing,* by each regional group to the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) (e-mail palm@un.org) *by Friday, 14 February 2014*. A letter from Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, dated 2 January 2014, was sent to the Chairs of the regional groups.

Announcements

Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (18 February 2014)

Delegations from States who are parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are reminded that the deadline for submission of candidates for the casual vacancy on the Human Rights Committee is Wednesday, 22 January 2014.

To date, the Secretariat has received no nominations for this vacancy.

Under articles 33 and 34 of the Covenant, vacancies on the Committee are filled through open elections and nominations of qualified candidates may be submitted by any State Party.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary of the Human Rights Committee, Ms. Kate Fox (e-mail kfox@ohchr.org), at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a trust fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the trust fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Cancellation of the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2014

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean that were scheduled to take place in 2014 have been cancelled due to lack of funding.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (18 February 2014): extraordinary election to replace one member of the Human Rights Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent Missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For enquiries, please send an e-mail to csw.sideevents@unwomen.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142, for the month of *January:*

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Introduction to United Nations Documents

Overview of the Legal Library

Research from United Nations databases: United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet), Official Document System (ODS) and United Nations Info Quest (UN-I-QUE)

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Annex I – International Labour Organisation (ILO) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. San Francisco, 10 July 1948

Application: Maldives (14 January 2014)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in Armed Conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Saint Lucia (15 January 2014)

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Qatar (15 January 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Ghana
His Excellency Ken Kanda

Asia-Pacific States:
Tajikistan
Mr. Lukmon Isomatov
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
His Excellency Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
His Excellency Sacha Sergio Llorentty Solíz

Western European and other States:
Monaco
Her Excellency Isabelle F. Picco

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed Dpa-Scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff

Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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Office for Disarmament Affairs
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http://treaties.un.org/

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www.un.org/law/avl/

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A/68/702–S/2014/11	Item 35 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 30 December 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
A/RES/68/12	Item 36 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 26 November 2013 Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/RES/68/254	Item 143 Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 27 December 2013 — Administration of justice at the United Nations [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
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S/2013/778	Letter dated 30 December 2013 from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
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A/68/702–S/2014/11	Identical letters dated 30 December 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
S/2014/15	Letter dated 7 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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E/2014/8	Item 9 (d) of the provisional agenda — Coordination, programme and other questions: long-term programme of support for Haiti — Letter dated 19 December 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Statistical Commission
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E/CN.3/2014/10	Item 3 (i) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: disability statistics — Report of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *14 pages*

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Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room CB-0304 (Conference Building)).

The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme*, and *19:00 for the summary of meetings*. The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least two days in advance.

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